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An image, a Bible, a Buffalo moment with Rev. King

Sean Kirst

The Bible is at the feet of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who leans from the stage at Kleinhans Music Hall to clasp the hands of men and women in the crowd before him. They surge forward, beaming, at the front of a line that stretches beyond range of the camera.

The date is Nov. 9, 1967. The image, in a file at the Buffalo History Museum, was captured by Robert L. Smith, longtime photographer for The Buffalo Evening News. An older woman, near the stage, has one hand on the Bible. King seems to be reaching toward it, almost certainly to sign it.

It has been nearly 50 years to the day since that photo was taken. Even elders in the community have trouble identifying all the faces.

Yet in the ones they remember, they find a statement on the era. That instant captured King's interaction, not quite five months before his death, with everyday men and women from greater Buffalo.

There is a minister, an old friend of King's, whose passion was changing lives on the East Side.

There is a young man, born into Jim Crow segregation, who would honor the ethic of his parents by becoming a physician.

And there is the older woman a smiling King seems ready to address, with a Bible that, at least for now, is lost to history.

King was here to speak in the wake of the riots of 1967, when violence erupted in impoverished Buffalo neighborhoods, as it did in dozens of cities across the nation.

He was always an advocate of nonviolence. He told his audience he would not "yield to the politics of despair." Still, in his speech that night, at a moment of both national and local urgency, King wondered about the priorities of financing a costly war in Vietnam despite the suffering in American cities.

After the triumphs of the civil rights movement, he spoke of the harder challenge of changing minds, of improving schools, of achieving true equality.

"Disappointment breeds despair," he told his audience. "Despair leads to bitterness, and where there is bitterness,

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Daylight saving time ended at 2 a.m. Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

Third Buffalo woman accuses Weinstein

Says he assaulted her in late '70s

By Maki Becker
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

As Wende Walsh recently listened to a New York City Police recording of Harvey Weinstein, she remembered a snowy night in Buffalo nearly 40 years ago.

In the New York City Police recording, which was part of a sting, Weinstein pleaded with a young model whom he had allegedly groped to come into his hotel room.

"It all came back," Walsh said. "It just sounded so famil-

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Wende Walsh says she was sexually assaulted by Harvey Weinstein in her car almost 40 years ago.

Oishei Children's Hospital had bumpy road to fruition

Milestones in Oishei Hospital development

2000: Kaleida Health approves replacing Women & Children's Hospital with a new medical center after more than a year of discussion.

2002: Thousands, including former Sabre Pat LaFontaine, rally in Niagara Square in March to keep hospital in Elmwood Village.

2002: Gov. George E. Pataki visits Buffalo in April to announce plan to keep hospital on Bryant Street, with promise of funding.

2010: After years of debate, doctors decide to locate outpatient center on Medical Campus, with larger move of hospital left to future.

2012: Kaleida solidifies plans to construct a new Children's Hospital on the Medical Campus and unveils its new name and design.

2017: The $270 million, 12-story John R. Oishei Hospital will open this week, replacing Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

Concept for new medical center was source of great contention

By Henry L. Davis
NEWS MEDICAL REPORTER

The new John R. Oishei Children's Hospital that will open this week on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus exemplifies state-of-the-art pediatric care.

The hospital tower offers the latest in medical technology and thoughtful design. A connected outpatient center replaces dated facilities that were costly to maintain and no longer met patients' expectations.

The new hospital, together with a new University at Buffalo medical school under construction along Main Street, will solve a big piece of the puzzle on a medical campus trying to attract life sciences companies to start or move here.

It all looks like a major no-brainer. But it wasn't always so.

The initial attempt nearly 18 years ago to move Women & Children's Hospital from Bryant Street set off the fiercest of community battles. At one point, in 2002, thousands of people, including sports stars Jim Kelly and Pat LaFontaine, crowded Niagara Square in support of a campaign to "Save Our Children's Hos-

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Related: *Oishei Children's facility is more efficient and patient-friendly. Page G1*

GOP optimistic about Tuesday's elections

By Robert J. McCarthy
NEWS POLITICAL REPORTER

You would think that when Erie County Democrats plan their election night gathering at Statler City on Tuesday, it automatically would qualify as a "victory party."

Democrats, after all, outnumber Republicans by almost 135,000 voters in Erie County. Winning the three countywide races as well as control of the Legislature should be a sure thing for the Democrats.

But that's not necessarily the case in Erie County.

Republicans already occupy the county posts of comptroller and sheriff, and form a majority coalition in the County Legislature. And if you ask Erie County Republican Chairman Nicholas A. Langworthy his predictions for Tuesday, he sounds downright cheery.

Incumbent Sheriff Timothy B. Howard faces Democratic challenger Bernard A. Tolbert. Incumbent Comptroller Stefan I. Mychajliw Jr. is challenged by Democrat Vanessa Glushefski. And Michael P. Kearns – a Democrat running on the Republican line – squares off against Democrat Steve Cichon in the election for clerk.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," Langworthy said late last week. "The response our

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